PRESENT—*cont.*

Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Excise

Districts subject to the prohibition experiment.

* 608 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) for which of the districts the scheme for prohibition is yet tried;

(*b*) how many liquor shops have been closed in each area; and

(*c*) whether temperance propaganda is being carried on in those areas, and if so, by which agency?

A.—(*a*) The experimental closure of arrack shops in the toddy drinking areas of the Shiyali and Tiruturaipundi taluks of the Tanjore district and the Tiruvadanai and Paramakudi taluks of the Ramnad district and the prohibition of the sale of liquor of any kind to the members of the hill-tribes on the Nilgiris district except on a medical certificate are being continued.

(*b*) All arrack shops in the Shiyali, Tiruturaipundi and Tiruvadanai taluks were closed from 1st April 1924 and those in Paramakudi taluk were closed from 1st April 1929. The foreign liquor shops in the Shiyali, Tiruturaipundi and Tiruvadanai taluks were closed from 1st April 1929. In the Nilgiris the arrack shop at Kottagiri was closed from 15th May 1928 and one foreign liquor shop from 1st April 1930. The closure of foreign liquor and beer shops on Sundays in the Nilgiris district which was ordered in November 1929 still continues.

(*c*) The Government have no information whether temperance propaganda is being carried on in the areas above mentioned.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I know, Sir, in how many districts prohibition was originally started? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I know, Sir, whether as a result of this measure, the revenue is the same as it was before? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not understand what my hon. Friend means by ' this measure '."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I would like to know whether, by the closure of these arrack and foreign liquor shops, the revenue is the same as it was before this measure was adopted? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" They were not closed this year, but they were closed some years ago."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to know whether the present revenue is about the same as it was before the closure of the shops? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Before the closure five or six years ago."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to know whether there is any fall; if so, whether it is due to the closure of these shops, and whether toddy sales have increased? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Local Self-Government

Complaints against presidents of local boards regarding the irregular disposal of tenders.

* 609 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many complaints have been received since 1st January 1933 against presidents of local boards who have discarded the definite instructions issued by the Government in the matter of disposal of tenders for the works of those boards, and how they have been disposed of;

(*b*) from whom such complaints were received;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to modify the rules in the Local Boards Manual in respect of disposal of tenders for the works of the local boards; and

(*d*) if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Complaints have been received from some contractors that presidents of district boards are not rigidly adhering to the rules; several presidents of district boards have however represented that the existing rules cannot be conveniently followed in certain cases, especially of small tenders.

(*c*) & (*d*) The question of revising the rules for the invitation and acceptance of tenders is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" What is the nature of the majority of the complaints received from the contractors? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" In all cases the lowest tender has not been accepted."